

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

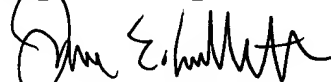
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Final Rejection that claim 31 is allowed and that claims 22, 24, and 25 are allowable.

The features of allowable claim 24 have been integrated into base claim 19. Similarly, the features of allowable claim 25 have been integrated into base claim 23. Claims 20-22 and 24-30 have been cancelled.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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